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In re Application of:  
TETSUYA YANO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/430,029

Filed: October 29, 1999

For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING )  
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE :  
GENE, RECOMBINANT )  
PLASMID, TRANSFORMED :  
MICROORGANISM, METHOD )  
FOR DEGRADING :  
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC )  
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS :  
AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS, )  
AND METHOD FOR :  
ENVIRONMENTAL )  
REMEDIATION :  
Date: December 13, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants' petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 for one month from November 13, 2002 to December 13, 2002.

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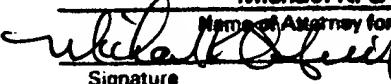
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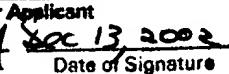
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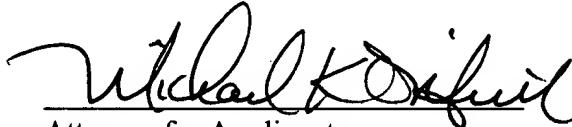
  
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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